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1. 1. **biosurfactant**
   Definition:
   A chemical produced by a living organism that decreases the surface tension of water.

   2. **surfactant**
   Definition:
   A substance which changes the nature of a surface, including water surface tension. Surfactants are used as detergents, emulsifiers, penetrants, and wetting agents.

   3. **surfactant**
   Author: Biological Sciences at Heriot-Watt University
   Definition:
   Any substance that lowers the surface tension of a liquid.

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